

**NEPA COMPLIANCE RECORD**  
**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX)**  
Tucson Field Office

AZ-420-2005-019

Serial/Case File No.

Proposed Action Title/Type: Maintenance of Palominas well

Location of Proposed Action (include name of 7.5 topographic map):

T. 24 S. R. 22 E. Section 9 NE ¼ of SW 1/4. Stark 7.5 Min.

Description of Proposed Action:

The existing windmill has been bent over and damaged, presumably, by one or more high wind events. In order to restore the facility to working condition, at reasonable cost, the following is proposed.

Remove the damaged upper portion of the windmill tower and the motor and fan (with the aid of a professional well company). The existing sucker rod and column pipe will be removed. A well seal and a new submersible pump will be installed in the well at a depth of 35 to 40 feet. The remaining 75% of the tower will be used to mount to a solar panel. Wire will be run through electrical conduit which will be run over the ground and down to the pump. The water will be piped, over ground, to the existing storage tank, five feet from the well. Surface disturbance will be limited to driving to the site with a pickup truck and a well rig truck over ground heavily disturbed by ORV traffic.

New signs will be installed on existing posts and the exclosure fence will be repaired.

The existing storage tank will be cleaned of debris and re-sealed to reduce leakage. A walk-ramp will be maintained for wildlife access.

The above project qualifies as categorical exclusion 5.4 A. (2) – a minor modification of water development to facilitate wildlife use.

Applicant (if any): BLM

PART I: PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW. This proposed action is subject to the following land use plan: Safford RMP; August, 1991. Page 33 – “Manage ... special features of habitat (water, riparian vegetation, cliffs, etc.) to maintain or enhance population levels”...of priority species..

The proposed action has been reviewed and determined to be in conformance with this plan (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM MS 1617.3).

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Specialist Signature

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Date

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**PART II: CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW**

Turbo NEPA #: AZ-420-2005-019

**ASSIGNMENT AND REVIEW**

Subactivity: 1110 Wildlife

Case/Project No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: Maintenance of Palominas well

Location (legal description): T. 24 S., R. 22 E. Sec. 9 NE ¼ of SW 1/4

NLCS Unit: San Pedro RNCA

Quad Name: Stark 7.5 Min

Project Lead: Mark Fredlake

Draft Review: Unit Manager/Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Technical Review:

Exception	NAME	EXCEPTION	SIGNATURE	DATE
<b>Applies?</b> <b>Yes No</b>				
( ) ( )	Bill Auby	(1) Have Significant adverse effects on public health or safety?		
( ) ( )	Jim Mahoney	(2) Have adverse effects on such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, parks, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains or ecologically significant or critical areas including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks.		
( ) ( )	Jack Whetstone	(3) Have highly controversial environmental effects.		
( ) ( )	Bill Auby	(4) Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		
( ) ( )	Dan Moore	(5) Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		
( ) ( )	Jim Mahoney	(6) Individually Insignificant, but cumulatively significant effects.		
( ) ( )	Jane Childress	(7) Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.		
( ) ( )	Jack Whetstone	(8) Have adverse effects on species listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		
( ) ( )	Jack Whetstone	(9) Require compliance with EO 11988, 11990 (Protection of Wetlands) or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.		
( ) ( )	Dan Moore	(10) Threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		

Approval:

Unit Manager/Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Environmental Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Field Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4. A.2 ( a minor modification of water development to facilitate wildlife use). It has been reviewed to determine if any of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

The action does not have significant adverse effects on public health and safety nor does the action adversely affect such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, parks, recreation, or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks. The action does not have highly controversial environmental effects nor have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risk nor does it adversely affect a species listed or proposed to be listed on the list of endangered or threatened species. It does not establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about a future consideration with significant environmental effects or related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects. The proposed action does not adversely affect properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment or which require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands) or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.

**Mitigation Measures/Stipulations:**

No additional stipulations necessary.

**Part III: DECISION.** I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed action does not conflict with major land-use-plans and will not have any major adverse impacts on other resources. Therefore, it does not represent an exception, and is categorically excluded from further environmental review. It is my decision to implement the project, as described, with the mitigation measures attached.

Authorized Official:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_